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Officers and Committees  
of the  
**TOWN OF MASON**

New Hampshire

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## TOWN OFFICERS

William T. Clark	Moderator	Term expires November 1971
Charles F.H. Crathern	Town Clerk and Treasurer	Term expires March 1972
Robert G. Marshall, Chairman William A. Strauss, Jr. Bronson Potter, Resigned Bowman F. Stone, Appointed	Selectmen	Term expires March 1972 Term expires March 1973 Term expires March 1971
Joyce Hodges, Resigned Linda Rousseau, Appointed	Tax Collector	Term expires March 1972
Tracy A. Eaton	Auditor	Term expires March 1972
Esther A. Spalding Guy F. Washburn Sophie Rajala	Supervisors of Check List	Term expires November 1976 Term expires November 1972 Term expires November 1974
Virginia Clark Amelia Strauss Lillian Johnson	Library Trustees	Term expires March 1973 Term expires March 1972 Term expires March 1972
Lewis Jackson Conray G. Wharff Michael Marlies	Trustees of Cemeteries	Term expires March 1973 Term expires March 1974 Term expires March 1972
Charles F.H. Crathern Tracy A. Eaton James Rowse	Trustees of Trust Funds	Term expires March 1974 Term expires March 1972 Term expires March 1973
Dr. Robert E. Wellwood (Appointed by State)	Health Officer	Term expires March 1975
Louise Marlies	Librarian	Appointed

**Ballot Clerks**

Helvi Murto, Appointed	Term expires November 1971
Elsie Brandt, Appointed	Term expires November 1971
Chloe Lofquist, Appointed	Term expires November 1971
Virginia Clark, Appointed	Term expires November 1971

**Town Hall Custodian**

Guy F. Washburn	Appointed
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**Sexton**

Kenneth Cook	Appointed
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**Building Inspector**

Kenneth Wilson	Appointed
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**Financial Advisory Committee**

James Rowse, Chairman	Term expires March 1976
Werner Lofquist	Term expires March 1975
Irene Smith	Term expires March 1974
Raymond Parker	Term expires March 1973
William Karmazin	Term expires March 1972

**Planning Board**

Prentice Sanger, Chairman	Term expires March 1976
Anneliesse Letarte	Term expires March 1975
Raymond Parker	Term expires March 1974
Stephen Woycke	Term expires March 1972
Charles Moore	Term expires March 1973
Bowman Stone, Ex-Officio	

**Board of Adjustment**

Charles Babb	Term expires March 1975
Raymond C. Akerman	Term expires March 1976
Harold Forrest	Term expires March 1972
John D. Paron, Chairman	Term expires March 1973
James Rowse	Term expires March 1974
Kenneth C. Eisenhaure, Alternate	Term expires March 1974
Albert Schlemmer, Alternate	Term expires March 1974

### **Conservation Commission**

Clifton W. Hastings, Chairman	Term expires March 1973
Charlotte Hastings	Term expires March 1973
Donald A. Armington	Term expires March 1973
Prentice Sanger	Term expires March 1973
Amelia Strauss	Term expires March 1973

### **Police Officers**

Fred S. Gilson, Chief	Appointed
John D. Paron, Sgt.	Appointed
Ronald LaPointe, Sgt.	Appointed
Kenneth V. Cook (Resigned March 1970)	Appointed
Kenneth Tibbetts	Appointed

### **Fire Chief**

Alwin E. Hodson,Jr.	Appointed
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### **Forest Fire Wardens**

Alwin E. Hodson, Jr., Warden	Appointed
C. Murdock Dunn, 1st Deputy	Appointed
Clifton W. Hastings, 2nd Deputy	Appointed
William T. Clark, 3rd Deputy	Appointed
Kenneth Wilson, 4th Deputy	Appointed
Michael Marlies, 5th Deputy	Appointed

### **Civil Defense Director**

Clifton W. Hastings	Appointed
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### **Library Building Committee**

Tracy A. Eaton, Chairman	Appointed
Virginia Clark	Appointed
Amelia Strauss	Appointed
Lillian Johnson	Appointed

### **Historic District Commission**

Richard Drew	Term expires March 1974
Anna Rowse	Term expires March 1973
Ivan Johnson	Term expires March 1973
Esther Spalding	Term expires March 1972
Elsa Crathern	Term expires March 1972
Prentice Sanger	Term expires March 1974
William A. Strauss, Jr.	Term expires March 1974

**TOWN  
WARRANT**

## TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there, to bring in your ballots for the following:

**ARTICLE 1.** Selectman for three years.

The polls to close at 7:30 P.M. of the same day and at eight of the clock in the afternoon of the same day at the same place to act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 2.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 3.** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will allow the Tax Collector compensation for collecting taxes and fix the amount of 8% for collecting State Head Taxes and at ½% for collecting property taxes, which is below the suggested minimum salary rates, or take any action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will approve the employment of the Police Chief on a full time basis and raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00, in addition to the amount budgeted, to defray costs of salaries, police cruiser and related expenses, or take any action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to seal and tar the hill on Campbell Mill Rd. to prevent further washouts, as recommended by the State Highway Engineers.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to defray the expenses of the Mason Youth Corps not provided for by State or Federal funds providing the program is continued.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to amend Enforcement Article 3, Section C of the Planning Ordinance to read: The Building Inspector shall issue any and all building permits when such request is in accordance with the provisions of this Code and the Mason Planning Ordinance of 1967. The fee for such a permit shall be \$3.00 per \$1,000.00 of the owners valuation of the building, with a minimum fee of \$9.00. The fee shall be payable to the Building Inspector, one third of which shall be returned to the town.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will grant the Planning Board the authority to prepare and adopt land subdivision regulations, and to review site plans for development of tracts, under Chapter 36, Sections 19A–29 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to establish a “Fire Department Reserve Fund for Fire Truck Replacement”, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 or any other sum for this purpose.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will approve a sum not to exceed \$2,800.00 towards the reappraisal of the Town of Mason by an independent appraiser.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$376.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. This local request for financial support is based on a \$.70 per capita formula.

Given under our hands and seal this third day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

ROBERT G. MARSHALL  
WILLIAM A. STRAUSS, JR.  
BOWMAN F. STONE  
*Selectmen of Mason*

*A true copy of Warrant – Attest:*

ROBERT G. MARSHALL  
WILLIAM A. STRAUSS, JR.  
BOWMAN F. STONE  
*Selectmen of Mason*

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

With 1970 a thing of the past, we look back at the progress of the year. The spring was one of exceptional expense. More than one fourth of the summer road budget was spent on gravel to correct the mud situation. Special thanks to Ed Elliott for his many unpaid hours helping Mason with it's road problems.

The Mason Youth Corps received state-wide recognition from Governor Peterson down to local level. Don Armington accomplished a remarkable job with his young people.

The power line was completed and, hopefully, additional revenue from Public Service will be available to the town.

H.E. Fletcher Granite Co. of Westford, Massachusetts informed us that they anticipate a full time operation in 1971.

We had an increase in applicants for surplus foods, and expect more with the rise of unemployment.

A major effort was made to remove the junk cars from the town and we have been vigorously defending the zoning laws of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROBERT G. MARSHALL**  
Chairman  
**WILLIAM A. STRAUSS, JR.**  
**BOWMAN F. STONE**

# **TOWN BUDGET**

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MASON

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1971 to December 31, 1971, compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970.

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Est. Revenue 1970	Actual Revenue 1970	Est. Revenue 1971
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax,			
Railroad Tax, Savings Bank Tax	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,297.77	\$ 2,500.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,400.00	2,190.77	2,200.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	250.00	734.44	750.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,600.00	1,095.75	1,100.00
Business Profit Tax		757.42	757.42
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:</b>			
Dog Licenses	200.00	210.00	220.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	60.00	75.80	80.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	40.00	108.00	110.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	400.00	252.80	300.00
Income Vehicle Permit Fees	6,000.00	6,801.25	7,000.00
<b>FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN     PROPERTY TAXES:</b>			
(a) Poll Taxes			
Regular at \$2	400.00	408.00	400.00
(b) Yield Taxes		830.82	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$14,550.00</b>	<b>\$15,762.82</b>	<b>\$15,417.42</b>

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Approp. Previous Year 1970	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1970	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1971
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,712.50	\$ 1,700.00
Town Officer's Expenses	2,000.00	1,948.73	2,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	350.00	261.75	350.00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	1,500.00	1,199.29	1,500.00
Employees Retirement and Social Security	400.00	439.69	450.00
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY:</b>			
Police Dept.	3,000.00	2,942.81	3,000.00
Fire Dept.	2,000.00	1,997.98	2,000.00
Insurance	1,300.00	1,640.17	1,300.00
Planning and Zoning	100.00		100.00
Bounties		4.00	
W.A. No. 6	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Damage by Dogs Expense		30.00	50.00
Legal Expenses		202.40	250.00
Civil Defense	100.00	97.60	100.00
Communications Service			550.00
<b>HEALTH:</b>			
Health Officer	50.00		50.00
Town Dump	600.00	600.00	600.00
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>			
Town Maintenance - Summer	8,000.00	9,200.24*	8,000.00
Town Maintenance - Winter	9,000.00	9,862.68	9,500.00
Street Lighting	225.00	223.20	225.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	900.00	753.39	900.00
Town Road Aid	938.37	938.37	933.77
LIBRARIES:	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE:</b>			
Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	400.00	949.63	1,000.00
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:</b>			
Memorial Day & Veterans Assn.	150.00	149.50	150.00
<b>RECREATION:</b>			
Parks & playgrounds & Trees	275.00	265.50	275.00
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</b>			
	50.00	50.00	200.00
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</b>			
Cemeteries	300.00	379.70	300.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	119.00	122.60	185.00

<b>INTEREST:</b>			
On Temporary loans	250.00	708.61	600.00
<b>COUNTY TAXES:</b>	5,000.00	6,459.77	7,500.00
<b>SCHOOL TAXES:</b>	<u>104,655.00</u>	<u>111,816.98</u>	<u>115,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$145,612.37</u>	<u>\$157,457.09</u>	<u>\$159,268.77</u>

\*Includes cost of repair of road damage paid for by Public Service Co.

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land - Improved and Unimproved	\$ 651,500.00
Buildings	2,209,450.00
Public Utilities — Electric	94,579.00
Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers Assessed as Personal Property (5)	13,500.00
Boats and Launches	<u>424.00</u>
<b>TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED</b>	<b>\$2,969,453.00</b>
Exemptions — 14 Elderly	<u>62,680.00</u>
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b>	<b>\$2,906,773.00</b>

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED  
FOR THE YEAR 1970**

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 1,450.00
Town Office Administrative Expenses	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	350.00
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	1,500.00
Social Security & Retirement	
Contributions	400.00
Police Department	3,000.00
Fire Department	2,000.00
Insurance	1,300.00
Planning and Zoning	100.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Health Department	50.00
Town Dump	600.00
Town Maintenance	
Summer	\$8,000.00
Winter	9,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	900.00
Town Road Aid	938.37
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00
Public Relief, Town Poor	200.00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc.	150.00
Parks and Playgrounds and Trees	275.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	119.00
Payment on Debt (Interest)	250.00
Conservation Commission	50.00
Warrant Article	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$35,957.37</b>

**Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits**

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,140.00
Savings Bank Tax	157.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,148.00
Reimbursement a/c Property	
Exempted 1970 Special Sess.	757.00
Reimbursemtn a/c State and	
Federal Lands	200.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	2,635.00
Interest Received on Taxes	
and Deposits	800.00
Business Licenses, Permits and	
Filing Fees	50.00
Dog Licenses	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,500.00
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	15.00
Poll Taxes at \$2.00 (1970 Warrant)	414.00
Surplus	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 17,516.00</b>
Net Town Appropriations	\$ 18,441.35
Net School Appropriations	101,320.35
County Tax Assessment	<u>6,459.77</u>
<b>TOTAL OF TOWN,</b>	
<b>SCHOOL AND COUNTY</b>	<b>\$126,221.47</b>
ADD: WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS	2,700.00
ADD: OVERLAY	<u>1,883.32</u>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$130,804.79</b>

War Service Tax Credits	Limits	Estimated — No. Tax Credits
1. Paraplegic, double amputees owning special homesteads with V.A. assistance	Unlimited	Exempt
2. Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty.	\$600.00	1    \$ 600.00
3. All other qualified persons.	<u>50.00</u>	<u>42</u> <u>2,700.00</u>
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		43    \$3,300.00

Net Property Valuation \$2,906,773. x .045 = \$130,804.70

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES 1970**

Title	Appropriations and Reimburse.	Receipts and Reimbuse.	Total Amount Available	Expend. items	Unexpended Balance	Over- draft
Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 1,450.00		1,450.00	1,712.50		262.50
Town Officer's Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,948.73		51.27
Election & Registration	350.00		350.00	261.75		88.25
Town Hall	1,500.00	108.00	1,608.00	1,199.29	300.71	39.69
Social Security	400.00		400.00	439.69		
Police Department	3,000.00	85.36	3,085.36	2,942.81		142.55
Fire Department	2,000.00	58.36	2,058.36	1,997.98		60.38
Planning & Zoning	100.00				100.00	
Insurance	1,300.00	408.25	1,708.25	1,640.17		68.08
Civil Defense	100.00		100.00	97.60		2.40
Health	50.00		50.00		50.00	
Town Dump	600.00		600.00		600.00	
Town Road Aid	938.37		938.37		938.37	
Summer Roads	8,000.00	801.27	8,801.27	9,200.24		398.97
Class V (Duncan) Roads	5,561.00		5,561.00	4,796.25		
Winter Roads	9,000.00		9,000.00	9,862.68		862.68
Street Lighting	225.00		225.00	223.20		1.80
General Expenses-Highway	900.00		900.00	753.39		146.61
Library	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	400.00		400.00	949.63		549.63
Memorial Day	150.00		150.00	149.50		.50
Parks & Trees	275.00		275.00	265.50		9.50
Cemeteries	300.00		300.00	379.90		
Regional Conservation Commission	119.00		119.00	122.60		
Interest on Temp. Loans Article 6	50.00		50.00	50.00		3.60
	250.00		250.00	708.61		458.61
	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$35,957.37</b>	<b>\$7,022.24</b>	<b>\$42,879.61</b>	<b>\$1,786.80</b>	<b>\$2,655.38</b>	

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1970

### RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes	\$128,376.46
From State	12,637.15
From Local Sources except taxes	7,597.57
Receipts other than Current Revenue	50,717.82
Cash on hand January 1, 1970 and Certificates of Deposit	<u>53,291.62</u>
	\$252,620.62

### PAYMENTS

General Government	\$ 5,957.36
Protection of Persons & Property	6,712.56
Health	600.00
Highways & Bridges	25,774.13
Library	500.00
Public Welfare	949.63
Patriotic Purposes	149.50
Recreation	265.50
Public Service Enterprise	429.70
Unclassified	2,196.71
Interest	708.61
Outlay for new equipment	2,000.00
Indebtedness	49,500.00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions	<u>119,414.99</u>
	\$215,158.69
Cash on hand December 31, 1970	<u>37,461.93</u>
	\$252,620.62

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash on hand December 31, 1969	\$37,461.93
Unredeemed and Uncollected taxes	<u>15,398.49</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,860.42</b>

### LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town -	
Unexpended balances of Special Appropriations	\$ 196.40
Due to State	1,343.11
Due to Schools	44,320.35
Unexpended Highway Funds	<u>764.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,624.61</b>
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	<u>6,235.81</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,860.42</b>

**SUMMARY OF TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES  
AND EXPENSES**

**SELECTMEN:**

Salaries	\$ 812.50
Expenses -	
Clerical	\$552.14
Supplies	754.34
Miscellenous	<u>115.97</u>
Total	\$1,422.45

**TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER:**

Salaries	\$600.00
Expenses	\$478.50

**TAX COLLECTOR:**

Salary	\$300.00
Expenses	47.78

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	\$30,000.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
Library	
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00
Police Department	
Equipment	1,000.00
Fire Department	
Equipment	3,500.00
Highway Department	
Equipment	2,500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	<hr/> <hr/> 1,000.00
	<hr/> <hr/> \$39,500.00

### TOWN OWNED LAND

Obtained by Purchase

22 a. Lucy Lawrence Lot	\$ 440.00
Obtained by Gift	
1 a. Veterans of Foreign Wars Lot	200.00
Obtained by Tax Sale	
20 a. Robbins Lot	
12 a. Henry Barrett Lot	
5 a. Shattuck Lot	
15 a. Pt. Farwell Farm	
11 a. Hall Lot	
20 a. Jeft Lot	
30 a. Foster Lot	
25 a. Sawtelle Lot	
100 a. Undivided ½ interest Baldwin Lot	<hr/> 3,760.00
	<hr/> \$ 4,400.00

### REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Cash on hand January 1, 1970	\$ 000.00
Cash received 1970	
Filing Fees	3.00
Dogs — Male 50 at \$2.00	100.00
Female 10 at \$5.00	50.00
Kennel 2 at \$25.00	50.00
Penalty 10 at \$1.00	10.00
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	210.00
Auto Registration	
1969	185.28
1970	<u>6,615.97</u>
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	6,801.25
Total Cash received 1970	\$7,014.25
Paid to Treasurer 1970	<hr/> <u>7,014.25</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1970	\$ 000.00

CHARLES F.H. CRATHERN  
Town Clerk

### REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand January 1, 1970	\$ 23,291.62
Certificate of Deposits and	
U.S. Treasurery Bills -	
January 1, 1970	30,000.00
Cash received from	
Town Clerk 1970	\$ 7,014.25
Cash received from Tax Collector	128,376.56
Cash received from Selectmen	<u>63,938.19</u>
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	199,329.00
Total Cash received 1970	\$252,620.62
Selectmen's orders paid	<hr/> <u>215,158.69</u>
Cash on hand December 31, 1970	\$ 37,461.93
Indian Head Nat'l. Bank Statement	
December 31, 1970	\$ 37,461.93

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN  
Treasurer

## **REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR**

### **SUMMARY OF WARRANT**

State Head Tax - Levy of 1969

DR.

Uncollected taxes -as of	
January 1, 1970	\$ 240.00
Added taxes during 1970	
Penalties collected during 1970	<u>23.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 263.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During 1970:	
Head Taxes	\$ 230.00
Penalties	<u>23.00</u>
Abatements During 1970	\$ 253.00
Uncollected Head Taxes - as per	10.00
Collector's List	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 263.00

State Head Tax - Levy of 1970

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$1,215.00
Added Taxes	<u>35.00</u>
Total Commitment	\$1,250.00
Penalties Collected	<u>2.50</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$1,252.50</b>

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$ 965.00
Penalties	<u>2.50</u>
Abatements	967.50
Uncollected Head Taxes - Per Collector's List	30.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>255.00</b>
	<b>\$1,252.50</b>

**PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES**

**LEVY OF 1969**

DR.

**Uncollected Taxes-as of January 1, 1970:**

Property taxes	\$10,645.98
Poll Taxes	90.00
Yield Taxes	0.00
	\$10,735.98
Interest and Costs Collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1970	341.07
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$11,077.05</b>

CR.

**Remittances to Treasurer During  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1970:**

Property Taxes	\$10,588.98
Poll Taxes	88.00
Yield Taxes	
Interest and Costs Collected during year	341.07
	\$11,018.05

**Abatements made during year:**

Property Taxes	\$ 57.00
Poll Taxes	2.00
	59.00

**Uncollected Taxes-As Per  
Collector's List:**

Poll Taxes	0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$11,077.05</b>

**PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1970**

DR.

**Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$128,850.54
Poll Taxes	414.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	0.00
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Total Warrant	\$129,264.54
Yield taxes	965.46
<b>Added Taxes:</b>	
Property Taxes	83.70
Poll Taxes	12.00
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	95.70
Interest and Penalties Collected	25.55
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$130,351.25</b>

CR.

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$113,807.75
Poll taxes	320.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	0.00
Yield Taxes	830.82
Interest & Penalties collected	25.55
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	\$114,984.12

**Discount Allowed**

**Abatements:**

Property taxes	524.38
Poll Taxes	14.00
Yield Taxes	0.00
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	538.38

**Uncollected Taxes-As per**

**Collector's List:**

Property Taxes	14,602.11
Poll Taxes	92.00
Yield Taxes	134.64
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	14,828.75
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$130,351.25</b>

**SUMMARY OF TOWN OF MASON HELD TAX SALES  
ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1970**

DR.

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:

	1969	1968	1967	Previous Years
(a) Taxes Sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	\$1,276.43	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
(b) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1970	.....	187.00	.....	.....
Interest Collected After Sale	3.74	.....	.....	.....
Redemption Costs	1.36	.....	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$1,281.53</b>	<b>\$187.00</b>	.....	.....

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer

During Year	\$1,153.79	.....	.....	.....
Abatements During Year	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deeded to Town During Year	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unredeemed Taxes-At Close of Year	127.74	187.00	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$1,281.53</b>	<b>\$187.00</b>	.....	.....

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES**

**ON ACCOUNTS OF LEVIES OF:**

Donald M. and William J. Ayotte	\$83.58	\$187.00	.....	.....
Raymond and Nancy Woods	44.16	.....	.....	.....
	\$127.74	\$187.00	.....	.....

## UNCOLLECTED HEAD AND POLL TAXES

Levy of 1970

	State Head Tax	Poll Tax	Penal ties	Total Due
<b>*Paid after December 31, 1970</b>				
Allen, Carleton J.	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00	\$.70	\$ 7.70
Allen, Beverly	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Coyne, Theresa S.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Dolan, Miss	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Doucette, Nellie	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Fournier, Warren	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Gavlick, John	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Gavlick, Nancy	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Gillespie, John R., Jr.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
*Gilson, Fred S.	5.00	.....	.50	5.50
*Gilson, Mary C.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Graham, James R.	5.00	.....	.50	5.50
Graham, Helen E.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Haley, Donald	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Helstein, Irene M.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
LaPointe, Ronald R.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
LaPointe, Jeanne L.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Leach, Herbert	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Leach, Elizabeth	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Leger, Norman J.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Leger, Elaine L.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Leino, Allan L.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Lord, Hazel B.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Lord, Robert	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
McGinnis, Alfred	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
McGinnis, Joan	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Marlies, Michael E.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Marlies, Louise S.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Murto, Oliva W.	5.00	.....	.50	5.50
Murto, Helvi L.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
McCormack, Donald M.	5.00	.00	.70	7.70
McCormack, Bonita	5.00	.00	.70	7.70
*Paron, John D.	5.00	.00	.70	7.70
*Paron, Annie V.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Paron, John Jr.	5.00	.....	.50	5.50
Paron, Charlotte	5.00	.00	.70	7.70
Pearne, Christopher	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Rines, James E. Jr.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Rines, Mary E.	5.00	.00	.70	7.70
Sherwin, Richard A.	5.00	.00	.70	7.70
Sherwin, Irene M.	5.00	.00	.70	7.70
Spear, Harry	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70

*Tibbetts, Judith A.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Trempe, Roger L.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Trempe, Lea Marie	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Tweedy, Thomas	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Tweedy, Patricia	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Washburn, G. Porter	5.00	.....	.50	5.50
Washburn, Laila	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Wessells, James A.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
Wessells, Eva M.	5.00	2.00	.70	7.70
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	\$225.00	\$92.00	\$34.70	\$381.70

**UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES**  
**LEVY OF 1970**

As prescribed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, all accounts are due with nine per cent interest compounded from December 1, 1970, to date of payment. Accounts not settled in full by the third Saturday in May will be included in the Property Tax Sale.

**UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES AS OF**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1970**

**RESIDENT**

Desrosiers, Conrad & Anita	\$ 111.50
Gavlick, John & Nancy	360.00
*Gould, Clyde W.	1,228.50
*Gilson, Fred S. & Mary	242.50
Graham, James R. & Helen	652.50
*Grant, Robert Y. & Daphne	1,035.00
Hodges, Richard B. & Joyce	810.00
Ilomaki, Asser O. & Vivian	361.50
*Leger, Armond & Genieve	102.50
Leger, Norman & Elaine	490.50
Lord, Hazel B.	427.50
*McCormack, Donald & Bonita	337.50
Moore, Charles & Sandra	90.00
Murto, Oiva W. & Helvi	1,440.00
*Paron, John D. & Annie	1,260.00
Pfeffer, Mel K. & Pauline	999.00
*Pomerleau, Eugene & Judith	737.50
Preble, Harry L. & Lorena	126.66
Rines, James E. & Mary E.	360.00
Tweedy, Roland T. & Patricia	742.50
Washburn, G. Porter	225.45

**NON-RESIDENT**

Ayotte, Donald M. & William J.	90.00
Blood, Ernest C.	45.00
Boston & Maine R.R.	45.00
*Broadacres, Inc.	57.60
Byers, Arthur C. & Alice M.	33.75
Curtis, Henry & Corliss, Charles	52.50
Doucette, Nellie	90.00

Elbthal, Arthur, Louisa & Lawrence	24.30
Elliott, Wesley & Sylvia	36.00
Farrar, Robert E. & Dorothea	270.00
*Fletcher, E. Kimmard	36.00
LeBlanc, Joseph S. & Florida	40.05
Lehtonen, Lempi	13.50
Lynch, Albert W.	9.90
McKenzie, Kenneth & Maureen	22.50
Parker, Adelaide	2.25
Patricks, George	15.30
Pope, John A. & Annie	270.00
Russell, Peter	9.00
*Ryan, William J.	129.60
Sherburne, Maxwell J. & Norman R.	70.20
Silva, Manuel H.	405.00
Stuart, Catherine	157.50
Taylor, Hal, Inc.	88.20
Valenti, Isadore	180.00
*Whitaker, Robert H.	129.15
White, Peter H. & Catherine	45.00
Woods, Raymond & Nancy	45.00
King, Putnam Estate	22.50
*Greeley, Richard	27.00
	\$14,602.11

\*Paid after December 31, 1970

I hereby certify that the lists showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1970, on account of the tax levy of 1970, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LINDA J. ROUSSEAU  
Tax Collector

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

### BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Cash and Bonds on hand January 1, 1970		\$11,063.07
Interest received	\$445.44	
Paid to Mascenic School Treasurer	216.01	
Interest due Mascenic School Treas.	229.43	
Cash and Bonds on hand December 31, 1970		11,063.07

### STEARNS COMMON SCHOOL BEQUEST

Cash and Bonds on hand January 1, 1970		10,469.36
Interest received	249.80	
Paid Mascenic School Treasurer	199.23	
Interest due Mascenic School Treas.	57.57	
Cash and Bonds on hand December 31, 1970		10,469.36

### CEMETERY FUND – PERPETUAL CARE

On Hand January 1, 1970		9,964.33
New funds created		1,000.00
Interest received	668.06	
Interest Paid to Cemetery Trustees	379.10	
Interest due Cemetery Trustees	288.96	
On Hand December 31, 1970		10,964.33

### LIBRARY AND TOWN OFFICE BUILDING FUND

On Hand January 1, 1970		3,738.49
Interest received		121.42
On Hand December 31, 1970		3,859.91

### CEMETERY LOT FUND

On Hand January 1, 1970		325.00
New funds created	300.00	
Interest received	14.99	
Upkeep costs and expenses	114.99	
On Hand December 31, 1970		525.00

All Trust Funds, except Cemetery Lot Funds, are invested in U.S. Treasury Notes – Series C 7½%.

Balances under \$1,000.00 are held in savings accounts.

All bonds and saving accounts are held by Indian Head Bank – Wilton branch.

Cemetery Lot Fund is in saving account with Mason Village Saving Bank.

C. F. H. CRATHERN, Treasurer

## REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES 1970

### RECEIPTS

Jan. 24	Charles & Elsa Crathern - Perpetual care	\$ 200.00
Jan. 24	Charles F. Crathern 3rd - Perpetual care	200.00
Feb. 11	A.L. Dunham - Lot No. 8 Prospect Hill	100.00
Feb. 12	George O. Lord - Lot No. 7 Prospect Hill	100.00
Apr. 20	Town appropriation	150.00
July 9	Toivo Kivimki - Perpetual care Lot No. A Pratt Cemetery	200.00
Aug. 26	Curtis V. Dunn - Perpetual care Dimock and Dunn Lot	200.00
Sept. 1	J.G. Smith – Perpetual care Lot No. 108 Prospect Hill	200.00
Nov. 23	Mason Village Savings Bank interest	14.99
Dec. 2	Selectmen - Town appropriation	150.00
Dec. 29	Marie McCaffery - Perpetual care	200.00
		<u>\$1,714.99</u>
Jan. 1	Deposited in Mason Village Savings Bank from sale of lots	325.00
	1970 sale of lots	200.00
		<u>\$ 525.00</u>

### PAYMENTS

Jan. 24	Town Trustees - Crathern fund	400.00
	Justice of Peace – Deeds	2.00
June 2	Town Trustees – Kivimaki fund	200.00
Sept. 1	Dimock and Dunn fund	200.00
Sept. 1	John G. Smith fund	200.00
	Material	18.50
	Maintenance	294.49
Dec. 29	Town Trustees – McCaffery Fund	200.00
		<u>\$1,514.99</u>
	Deposit to bank for lots sold	200.00
		<u>\$1,714.99</u>

## 1970 PERPETUAL CARE

### RECEIPTS

Jan. 1	Balance on hand	\$ 6.57
Apr. 24	Town Trustees	249.10
Nov. 24	Town Trustees	<u>130.00</u>
		\$ 385.67

### PAYMENTS

Derby & Little Supplies	97.58
C. Wharff Maintenance	<u>288.09</u>
	\$385.67

CONRAY G. WHARFF

Treasurer

## **MEMORIAL DAY REPORT 1970**

The people of Mason, former residents, and many old friends all turned out to make our Memorial Day a huge success with the help of our comrades from the V.F.W. posts and the American Legion, and also our schools, which put on their usual excellent programs to add to the success.

We must thank all those who helped us put on our Memorial Day exercises again this year. The ceremonies were suitable and fitting, both for those who remembered and those remembering.

Respectfully submitted,  
CARL V. VALYOU

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The yearly activities of the Conservation Commission remain sharply curtailed (as in the past) due mainly to a lack of funds. Several programs have been discussed and/or formulated, however, they shall remain at this stage until such time that funds are available.

Programs completed during the year consisted of (a) Printing and mailing of questionnaires relative to the pro's and con's of hunting and the use of shotguns versus rifles in Mason. Replies strongly indicated few if any problems exist. (b) May "Clean-up" day. The Commission is highly pleased with the interest and eagerness demonstrated by the young people of Mason. Many thanks to them and to those adults who volunteered their trucks and/or time to help make this project a success. (c) Printed and distributed folders to hunters in Mason with emphasis on safety and consideration towards landowners. (d) Sponsored two Mason youth to the State Conservation Camp at Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, N.H.

The Commission extends to Mr. Don Armington a vote of thanks and "well done" relative to his work with The Youth Corps during the past summer. the work performed by these young people, under his supervision, was a great value to the town of Mason and to the conservation Commission.

**CLIFTON W. HASTINGS**  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Mason, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the annual report for the year 1970:

Accident (motor vehicle)	13
Break & Entry & Larceny	13
Break & Entry	2
Stolen Property	13
Attempted Break	1
Stolen Property Recovered	2
Fire Calls	4
Missing Persons Returned	2
Attempted Rape	1
Rape	1
Suicide	1
Summons Served	5
Emergency Hospital Trips	2
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	3
Abandoned Vehicles	2
Assistance to Other Towns	5
Dog Complaints	8
Truant Problems	0
Disorderly Conduct	3
Family Problems	4
Juvenile Problems	10
Court Cases (Motor Vehicles)	16
Court Cases (Other)	20
Persons Incarcerated	6

## MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Chief Fred S. Gilson

Sergeant John D. Paron, Sr.

Sgt. Ronald Lapoint

**Patrolman Kenneth S. Tibbetts**

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. GILSON  
Chief of Police

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The two remaining members of the previous committee joined with the three newly appointed (see complete list under committees in front of town report) to review the budget and warrant items with the selectmen in preparation for submission to the people at the annual town meeting. Three of the smaller budget items were reduced as well as one of the money articles in the warrant. The committee made no recommendation regarding the request for a sum of money to cover police protection on a full time basis. In its opinion the town should first decide if it is ready for full time protection before the committee considers the amount of money required.

In the course of our discussion it was determined that each \$1,000.00 expended represents a \$.345 change in the Mason tax rate.

As to changes in the tax rate for 1971 there are several pertinent factors which cannot be pin pointed at the present writing. Such items as the taxable value of the new power line, the vote on police protection, the actual county taxes, changes in budget or warrant articles on the town meeting floor and final determination as to the amount required to run the schools. Another consideration which directly increase the tax rate in the law benefiting people over 70 years old with limited income who are entitled (and rightly so) to a \$5,000.00 reduction in their assessed valuation.

Respectfully submitted,

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**JAMES A. ROWSE**  
**Chairman**

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to start this report by extending my thanks to the townspeople of Mason for their action in the 1970 town meeting, whereby, we were authorized to purchase 20 alerting receivers for the Fire Department. We fortunately have had few alarms this year, but the response time due to the receivers is far better than it used to be. I feel that this was an extremely worthwhile expenditure.

During the summer, the outside of the Fire Station was painted, due mostly to the efforts of the young people of the Neighborhood Youth Corps, supervised by Mr. Armington and Mr. Stone. The outside appearance of the building, we feel, is now a credit to the town.

More equipment was added to the Department this year, and a trailer-mounted lighting plant was built by the members of the Department at very little cost. This is the only lighting unit of this size in the area. We have also obtained a large 10,000 Watt generator at no cost to the town, which will be permanently installed at the Fire Station for emergency light, heat, and communication.

We have inserted a Warrant Article in the 1971 Warrant to establish a "Fire Department Reserve Fund For Fire Truck Replacement". I feel that this is extremely important, as money put into this account at this time will ease the purchase of a fire truck within the next 2 or 3 years.

We are still extremely short of Fire Department Personnel. This fall we held a recruiting drive and open house at the Fire Station. Letters were sent out to 27 prospective members, many of whom had previously expressed interest in the Department. That evening, we enrolled 1 cooperative member and no new Active members. Total number of persons coming to the open house was 2. We realize that many people feel that they do not have the time, yet the work load carried by most members of the Department, both in their personal life and the other town jobs, is amazing.

The Department wishes to extend its thanks to the Fire Departments of Greenville and Brookline for Mutual Aid Assistance during the year.

My thanks to the Department members and others who have given many hours of their time for the good of the Fire Department of the town of Mason.

Public buildings inspected	4
Private buildings inspected (by owner's request)	2
Oil Burners inspected	5
Oil Burners re-inspected	2

Respectfully submitted,

ALWIN F. HODSON  
Fire Chief

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The 1970 forest fire season was a quiet one in this area, quiet in part because of your continued cooperation and favorable weather conditions.

Fires that did occur were, for the most part, caused by debris burning, children and smokers.

The elimination of these three causes of forest fires would drastically change this picture-to bring about this change we make the following suggestions:

1. When the ground is not covered with snow a permit to burn must be obtained from the Forest Fire Warden. This permit covers waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, as well as garden trash and brush burning such burning is restricted by regulation prior to 9:00 A.M. and after 5:00 P.M. with the following exceptions:

Commercial or industrial burning is permissible at any time under normal conditions but only with the approval of the District Chief and a written permitt from the Forest Fire Warden.

2. Fires caused by children can be prevented only with the complete cooperation of parents in the supervision of their children, keep matches out of reach of children, this action will help to prevent fires and may save a life, the life of your child. Try to explain this to your child, won't you?

3. Forest fires caused by smokers can be reduced in number by the exercise of more care in the discarding of matches and smoking material whether from a vehicle or by a hiker. In all cases, make sure that the butt or match you discard is out, dead out. Smokey says, "Thanks for your help", and invites you to join with him in setting a good example for others in the prevention of fires and the protection of our environment.

Number of fires reported and acres burned:

STATE - 484 fires; 244 acres

DISTRICT - 84 fires; 43 acres

TOWN - 0 fires; 0 acres

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD

District Fire Chief

ALWIN HODSON, JR.

Forest Fire Warden

## **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS**

### **1970 Ten Week Summer Program**

Seven boys and a girl from Mason participated. One boy was assigned to the Greenville program. Educational subjects covered were forestry, roadside beautification, landscaping, playground improvement and safety, painting, auto mechanics and library practices.

The youths worked at the Mason School, the school playground, the library, the pine grove at the town parking lot, the Town Hall, the commons, the fire station, the cemeteries, the conservation lot, the historic sites, and, during and after the summer mini-tornado, cleared Valley Road of debris and fallen limbs and trees. One boy took the risk of exposing himself to driving hail and high winds to secure a temporary cover after a hatch on top of the fire station had blown away.

The Youth Corps gave 1,950 manhours to the town and the supervisors gave 500 manhours making this a total of 2,450 manhours of work given to the Town of Mason at no cost to the Town.

I wish to express thanks to the Selectmen and associates for their support. Letters from Mason School Club, Supervisory Union No. 63, and Governor Walter Peterson made it a worth while summer.

Respectfully submitted,

**DONALD A. ARMINGTON**  
Supervisor

## **REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

After the early spring thaw we did the following:

1. Most of the pot holes were filled in and graveled.
2. The dirt roads were raked and graded.
3. A dust preventative was put in front of all the homes on dirt roads.
4. Approximately 18 culverts were replaced and relined.
5. Most of all the town's Right-of-Ways' were mowed in the fall.
6. We widened and graveled the worst places on Hurricane Hill and Pratt Pond Roads.
7. In the late fall we graded and raked the dirt roads in town.

Respectfully submitted,

**EDWARD R. ELLIOTT**  
Acting Road Agent

## **FIVE YEAR ROAD PLAN**

Mr. Grandin and Mr. Avery, Engineers of the State of N. H. Secondary Roads Division, met with the selectmen to discuss a five year plan for the improvement of the town roads under the state Town Road Aid program in combination with the so-called "Duncan Funds". The proposed plan is to resurface certain roads as follows:

SPRING 1971 — Depot Road from the railroad crossing to Townsend Road, and part of the dirt portion of Townsend Road, which is travelled by the school bus.

SPRING 1972 — Meeting House Hill Road from the Town Hall toward Trempe's corner, and the continuation of Townsend Road.

SPRING 1973 — Part of Brookline Road from Scripps Lane to Old County Road, and the remainder of Townsend Road.

SPRING 1974 — Continuation of Brookline Road.

SPRING 1975 — Continuation of Brookline Road

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Mason Planning Board was reorganized in July 1970, The new members are:

Prentice Sanger, Chairman; Raymond Parker; Charles Moore; Steven Woycke; Anneliesse Letarte, Secretary; Bowman Stone, Ex-Officio.

The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month and all meetings are open to the public.

The Board feels that the present ordinances are working out smoothly. We are making plans to have a town map made up which we feel will be a great asset to the Town of Mason.

Respectfully submitted,

**PRENTICE SANGER**

## **REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Gentlemen:

There have been twenty-two (22) building permits issued during the past year. They were issued for the following:

- (3) Houses
- (5) Mobile Homes
- (4) Additions - Living Space
- (1) Additions – Garage
- (2) Garages
- (7) Septic Systems

Respectfully submitted,

**KENNETH B. WILSON**  
Building Inspector

## LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Receipts

Cash on Hand January 1970	\$ 27.32
Town Appropriation	500.00
Gifts	65.00
Book Fines	16.40
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$608.72

### Expenditures

Fuel and Maintenance	\$215.63
Books and Periodicals	186.75
Library Supplies	51.22
Librarian's Salary	100.00
Maintenance – Labor and supplies	6.10
Library Fees	18.00
Postage	<hr/> 5.90
Total Expenditures	\$583.60

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

Due to the Mason Library having our first professional librarian, Mrs. Louise Marlies, we are pleased to report that our Children's Section has been considerably up-dated during the past year.

We would like to thank all of those people who have donated books, money and time to the betterment of our library. We could not operate without all your help. A particular note of thanks goes to Mr. Donald Armington and the Neighborhood Youth Corp. They cleaned all boooks, shelves, and the entire library inside and out, for that matter. They did a marvelous job!

According to the State Library statistics our per person book circulation is 13.4%. That is a very impressive figure for our small library and population.

Thank you to all for your support.

Respectfully submitted

VIRGINIA R. CLARK  
LILLAS JOHNSON  
AMELIA STRAUSS  
Trustees

## TOWN MEETING MARCH 10, 1970

Meeting called to order by Moderator Hodges at 1:00 P.M.

Warrant read - voting articles only - and polls declared open.

Polls declared closed 7:30 P.M. Ballots counted. Results Announced.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Moderator. Articles of meeting read.

Article I. Selectman for 3 years - William A. Strauss, Jr.

Article II. Clerk was authorized to cast one vote for the following nominations for town office:

Trustee of Trust Funds — James Rowse

Trustee of Cemetery — Lewis B. Jackson

Trustee of Library — Amelia Strauss

Auditor — Tracy A. Eaton

Article III. Town budget of \$33,957.37, including County Tax, presented by Selectman Marshall. Passed unanimously. Police and fire depts. up \$500.00 each from last year and winter roads cut back.

Article IV. Moved and passed to authorize Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article V. Tax Collector to be paid 8% for collection of head taxes. Town granted 10% by State.

Article VI. Moved to change and amend \$998.00 to \$2,000.00 for purchase of 20 sets tone operated house radio for Vol. Fire Dept. Passed.

Article VII. Defeated.

Article VIII. Article amended to leave perpetual care pro-rated for  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  lots. Motion as amended passed unanimously. Lots now \$300.00.

Article IX. After much heated discussion pro and con it was moved that action be tabled. Passed.

Article X. Moderator Hodges pointed out that no specific legislation existed for a three year election term for road agent. Tabled.

Before adjourning it was moved that a standing vote be given to Conray Wharff in appreciation of his services to the Town during the past 50 years as a Trustee of Town Trust Funds and Cemetery Trustee. Passed unanimously.

Elected officers were sworn in by Moderator.

Voted to adjourn at 9:30 to enjoy coffee and refreshments available in rear of the hall.

C.F.H. CRATHERN  
Town Clerk

### STATE ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3, 1970

Moderator Hedges called meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Warrant read and polls declared open.

Polls declared closed 7:34 by Moderator.

Ballots cast – 147. Voters listed on check list – 262.

Local elections were:

Supervisor of Check list – Esther A. Spalding

Moderator – William T. Clark

All final State, County and District elections on file with Secretary of State.

It was voted to allow sweepstake tickets to be sold in Mason on State approval.

Voted to adjourn 9:10 P.M.

C.F.H. CRATHERN  
Town Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF WELFARE**

The welfare of the town is handled through the State and County. The Overseer handles all applications for the Town and the surplus foods coming to the Town at no cost. This fall the Town has had an increase of applicants receiving surplus foods.

The Rev. Harry Foot tendered his resignation in September, after several years of dedicated service to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

BOWMAN F. STONE

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have examined the accounts of the officers of the town for the year 1970. My examination indicates that all receipts and expenditures have been accounted for and that the various reports will show a true statement of all financial transactions of the Town for 1970.

TRACY A. EATON  
Town Auditor

## **THE MONADNOCK REGION ASSOCIATION**

Peterborough, New Hampshire

Airports, youth, mountains, cables, snowmobiles, skiers, state parks, maple orchards, planning seminars, legislation, river basins, dumps, signs...all of these and many more are of vital interest and concern to the eighty volunteer MRA Directors, the town and city officials and residents of the Monadnock Region...those of us who enjoy living and working here...those of us who share a pride in preserving what we have and who will continue to be personally involved in an orderly desirable growth.

The MRA has assumed many roles in 1970...a collector and dispenser of information as possible solutions to area problems...a sounding board for new ideas...a forum to air opinions and share knowledge...a catalyst to bring opposing groups together to promote better understanding...a voice for region residents, town and cities and the area as a whole...and a doing organization working for a better region.

The effectiveness of our efforts has only been possible through the excellent communication and cooperation of citizens in area towns and cities, community organizations, plus State and Federal officials. We firmly believe that by keeping in close touch with other groups and working with them, that we gain knowledge and avoid duplication of effort, thus our combined actions become more effective.

KEN REYNOLDS

Executive Vice President



# VITAL STATISTICS

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Mason, N. H.  
for the year ending December 31, 1970**

Date	Name	Residence	Married by
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1970			
Jan. 3	Frank David Rice Ann Amamda Washburn	Berkshire Mason, N. H.	Rev. T. Atherton Mason, N. H.
Jan. 10	Robert Charles Stemler Deborah Lee Cavins	Fitchburg, Mass. Fitchburg, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J. P. – Mason
Feb. 6	Walter William Thompson Theresa Emile Mercier	New Ipswich, N. H. Villehasalle, Canada	C. F. H. Crathern J. P. – Mason
Feb. 7	Wilfred Francis Rameau Joanna Elizabeth Gosselin	Fitchburg, Mass. Fitchburn, Mass.	C. F. H. Crathern J. P. – Mason
Feb. 14	Daniel Robert Cash Beverly Ann Helstein	Greenville, S. C. Mason, N. H.	Rev. Harry Foot Mason, N. H.
Apr. 4	Robert Edwin Doucette Petra Perpetua Rau	Mason, N. H. Mason, N. H.	Rev. U. J. Simoneau Greenville, N. H.
Apr. 11	Paul Gerard Rousseau Judith Anne Morrison	Greenville, N. H. Mason, N. H.	Rev. F. R. Lamothe Greenville, N. H.
Aug. 22	Alan Charles Wright Bonita Susan Desrosiers	New Ipswich, N. H. Mason, N. H.	Rev. F. R. Lamothe Greenville, N. H.
Aug. 30	David Alton Lord Susan Desrosiers	Mason, N. H. Greenville, N. H.	C. F. H. Crathern J. P. – Mason
Oct. 3	Ronald Joseph St.Amand Fay Marion Forrest	Fitchburg, Mass. Mason, N. H.	Rev. L. A. LeFeber Mason, N. H.
Nov. 8	Lucien Clarence Ramsey Irene Mary Helstein	Berlin, N. H. Mason, N. H.	C. F. H. Crathern J. P. – Mason
Nov. 30	Frederick John Paul Phyllis Ann Perry	Greenville, N. H. Greenville, N. H.	C. F. H. Crathern J. P. – Mason
Dec. 22	John Christopher Pearne Susan Elizabeth Flood	Mason, N. H. Mason, N. H.	C. F. H. Crathern J. P. – Mason

Births Registered in the Town of Mason, N. H.  
for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date	Child's Name	Parents
1969		
Dec. 20	Jason Harvey Woycke	Steven Harvey Woycke Barbara Joan Sink
1970		
Apr. 18	Carleton Jensen Allen	Carleton Jensen Allen Beverley Fay Amadon
Aug. 18	Steven Elroy Chartrand	Elroy Carl Chartrand Constance Margaret Andrew
Sept. 10	Bonnie Lee LaPointe	Roland Lowell LaPointe Jeanne Lucille Lovelace
Oct. 7	Christopher Robert Bergeron	Robert Alfred Bergeron Pauline Margaret Christoforo

Deaths Registered in the Town of Mason, N. H.  
for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date	Name	Residence	Cemetery
1970			
Jan. 6	Edward L. McCaffery	Mason	Prospect Hill, Mason
Feb. 7	Francis Elizabeth Dunham	Mason	Prospect Hill, Mason
Feb. 8	George O. Lord	Mason	Prospect Hill, Mason
Apr. 11	Solomon August Kivimaki	Mason	Pratt Cemetery, Mason
May 23	Eino Arthur Helstein	Mason	Prospect Hill, Mason
Aug. 14	Christine Whittier	Mason	Prospect Hill, Mason
Oct. 16	Charles Mann	Mason	Lakeview, Wayland, Mass.
Nov. 3	Aaron Henry Brandt	Mason	Central Cemetery New Ipswich, N. H.
Nov. 21	Hjalmar Lehtonen	Mason	Rural Cemetery Worcester, Mass.
Dec. 22	Albert L. Dunham	Mason	Prospect Hill, Mason





